

Friday, February 20, 2015

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center  
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room

Chairperson: Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Chairperson  
Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA  
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L  
A. Cassaundra Brown, Consumer Member  
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member

**NON BOARD MEMBERS**

Donna Ashman, Executive Director  
Grant Gerber, Board Counsel  
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator  
Jo-Ann Lane, Deputy Director

**GUESTS**

Sarah Quirk, MOTA  
David Sharp, Telemedicine Taskforce, MHCC

1. Ms. Stevenson called the General Session Meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.  
  
Ms. Stevenson read the following statement: Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation in otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public meeting an open session may participate in the session.
2. Ms. Stevenson welcomed the guests that attended.
3. Mr. David Sharp, Telemedicine Taskforce, MHCC conducted a presentation to the Board on Telehealth. Mr. Sharp informed the Board of the upcoming Symposium scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Mr. Sharp invited the Board to share any ideas concerning Telehealth and/or his presentation prior to the date of the symposium. The Board had a question and answer discussion following the presentation.
4. Ms. Stevenson called for a brief break followed by the remainder of the Board's agenda.
5. Ms. Hughes made a motion to approve the amended agenda –February 20, 2015. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
- 5a. The Board will review the January 16, 2015 Board meeting minutes at the next scheduled Board meeting.

6. Mr. Gerber did not have any Office of the Attorney General business to discuss at this time.

### **REPORTS**

1. Ms. Ashman reported on HB 309. She informed the Board that Jo-Ann Lane, Deputy Director, A. Cassaundra Brown, Consumer Member and herself provided testimony on this bill at a House hearing on February 19, 2015. Ms. Ashman summarized the testimonies given.
  - 1a. Ms. Ashman informed the Board that a hearing on SB 244 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m. The Board members planning to testify are Ms. Stevenson, Ms. Hughes, and Mr. Kshepakaran. Ms. Ashman will review the talking points with board members before they attend.
2. Ms. Ashman questioned if the telehealth committee will be conducting a meeting before attending the symposium on February 25, 2015. The telehealth committee agreed to have a meeting sometime after the symposium.
3. Ms. Ashman informed that Board that the proposed regulations are on track to go to the AELR committee in February. Ms. Ashman stated that she will keep the Board apprised of this process as it moves forward.
4. Mr. Kshepakaran and Ms. Adams stated that the continuing education reviews are current with business as usual.
5. Ms. Ashman forwarded correspondence #1 – Billing and Progress Notes. The Board had discussion. Ms. Ashman will forward a response to the inquiry.
6. Ms. Ashman provided the statistics from the Eblast survey sent in February, 2015 that queried licensees as to their preference for a 1 year renewal or a 2 year renewal cycle. Ms. Ashman stated that to date, 80% of licensees responding preferred Annual Renewal. The Board also recommended that an Eblast be distributed to thank participants, inform them of the survey results, and include instructions for licensees for who might wish to contact legislators regarding HB 309 and/or SB244.

7. Ms. Ashman stated that the Board office would proceed with planning for the 2015 renewal cycle.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. The Board had no Unfinished Business for discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Adams reported that there are 30 occupational therapists and 11 occupational therapy assistants with 41 therapists ratified to practice in Maryland. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the 41 therapists. Mr. Kshepakaran seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Reshma D'Souza	Occupational Therapist
Maura McGlynn	Occupational Therapist
Aniesh Rahbaran	Occupational Therapist
Colleen Hargett	Occupational Therapist
Kathryn West	Occupational Therapist
Gian Carlo Lazaro	Occupational Therapist
Ivan Cedric Garcia	Occupational Therapist
Yael Applebaum	Occupational Therapist
Jacquelyn Feizet	Occupational Therapist
Crystal Schiemer	Occupational Therapist
Amanda Weaver	Occupational Therapist
Allison Jelenek	Occupational Therapist
Alaena Kaliszewski	Occupational Therapist
Amanda Plotczyk	Occupational Therapist
Alethia Bassett	Occupational Therapist
Annamaria Hobbs	Occupational Therapist
Corinne Pergament	Occupational Therapist
Amber Avery	Occupational Therapist
Susan Nielson	Occupational Therapist
Marlena Casey	Occupational Therapist
Kristen Schack	Occupational Therapist
Deborah Goldman	Occupational Therapist
Sonya Dunsirn	Occupational Therapist
Samantha Hughes	Occupational Therapist
Amanda Halks	Occupational Therapist
Kerrie Sachs	Occupational Therapist
Joby Varghese	Occupational Therapist

Emily Whitlock	Occupational Therapist
Nicole Corriveau	Occupational Therapist
Megan Bach	Occupational Therapist
Corie Engleka	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Samantha Barton	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Roxanne Moghimi	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jasmine Morgan	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Clarissa Blake	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Barbara Weller	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jean Herlyne	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Katherine McKenzie	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jan Blue	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Teresa King	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Wendy Pinto	Occupational Therapy Assistant

2. Mr. Kshepakaran proposed that the Board revisit the process for Board Elections. Mr. Gerber recommended that the Board establish bylaws and duties of each Board member and Board office held. Mr. Gerber will forward a sample of the bylaws from other Boards. Mr. Gerber recommended forming a bylaws committee.
  
- 2a. Ms. Stevenson opened the discussion to see if Ms. Sarah Quirk, MOTA guest, would like to participate in the discussion. Ms. Quirk shared a willingness to work along with the Board. Ms. Ashman emphasized that Ms. Quirk and other MOTA members are welcome to attend the Board meetings; and, if they would like an item to be placed on the agenda at anytime to contact her via email or phone.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The Board had no announcements

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Ms. Stevenson adjourned the General Session meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Marilyn Pinkney*

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Licensing Coordinator